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TRAVESTY!
THAT'S WHAT THE SCIENTISTS OF NIGHTSHADE HAVE MADE ME!
BUT IT'S WORTH IT, SPIDER-MAN... WORTH IT! BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT I'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO KILL YOU!
YOU RUINED MY LIFE! NOW I'LL TAKE YOURS!
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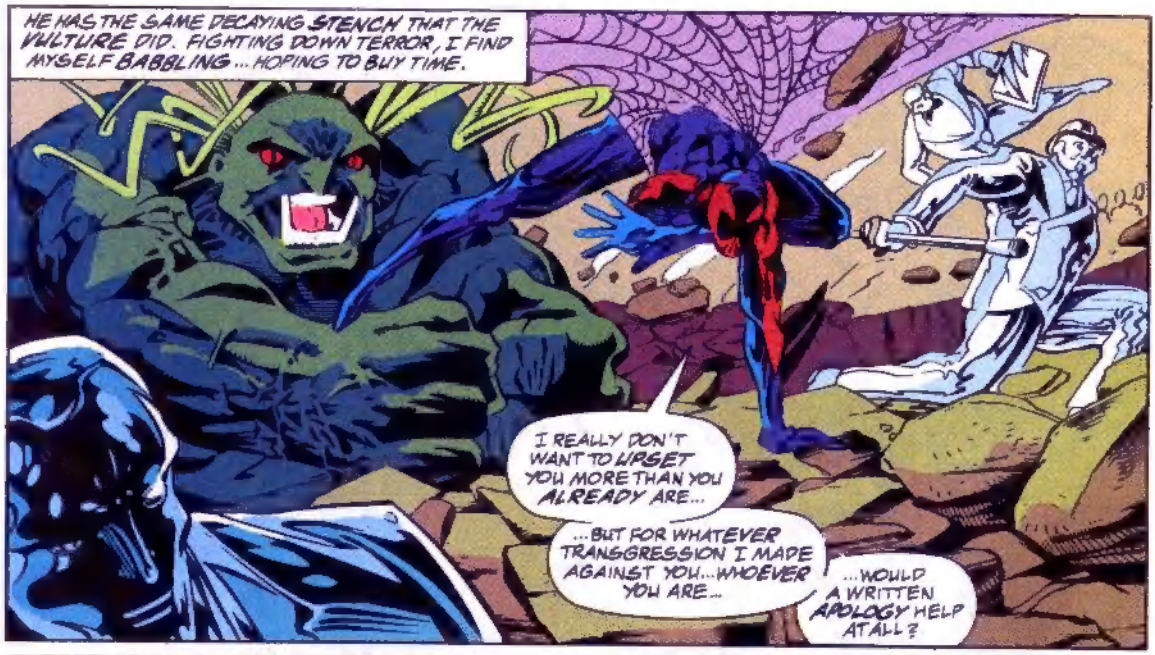
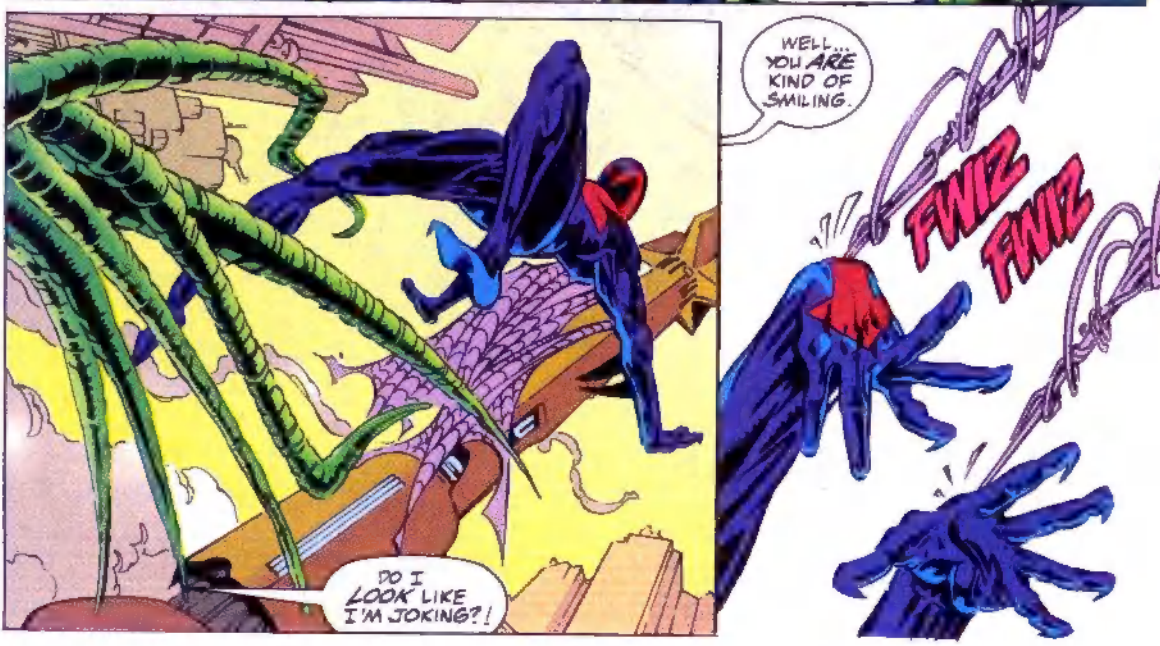
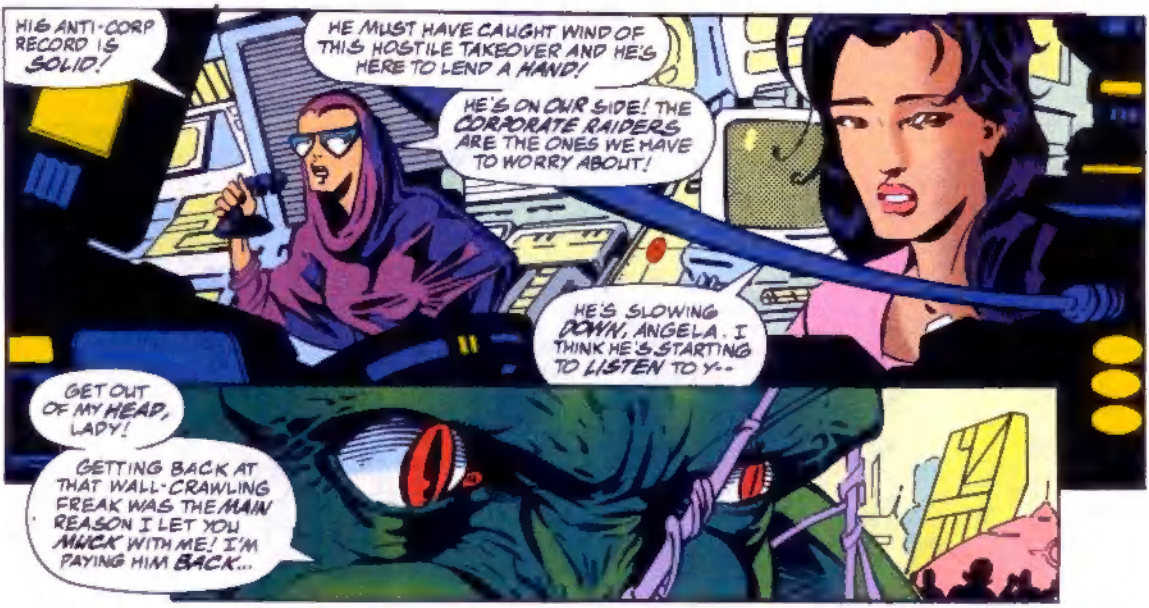
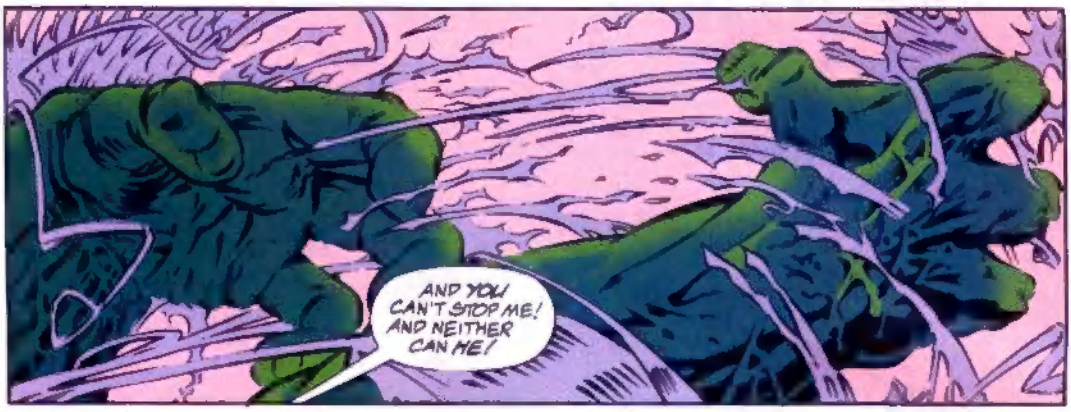

HE HAS THE SAME DECAYING STENCH THAT THE VULTURE DID. FIGHTING DOWN TERROR, I FIND MYSELF BABBLING... HOPING TO BUY TIME.
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO UPSET YOU MORE THAN YOU ALREADY ARE...
...BUT FOR WHATEVER TRANSGRESSION I MADE AGAINST YOU...WHOEVER YOU ARE...
...WOULD A WRITTEN APOLOGY HELP AT ALL?

YOU THINK THIS IS SOME SORT OF JOKE?
LOOK AT ME! FOR SHOCK SAKE, LOOK AT ME!!

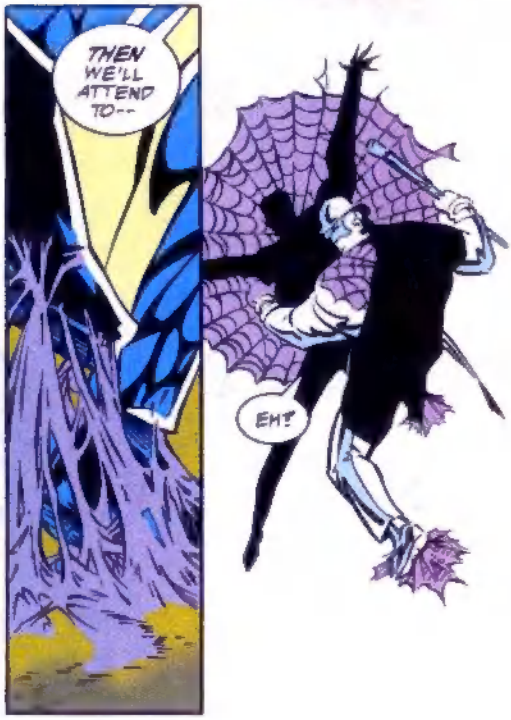

DO I LOOK LIKE I'M JOKING?!
WELL... YOU ARE KIND OF SMILING.
FWIZ
FWIZ

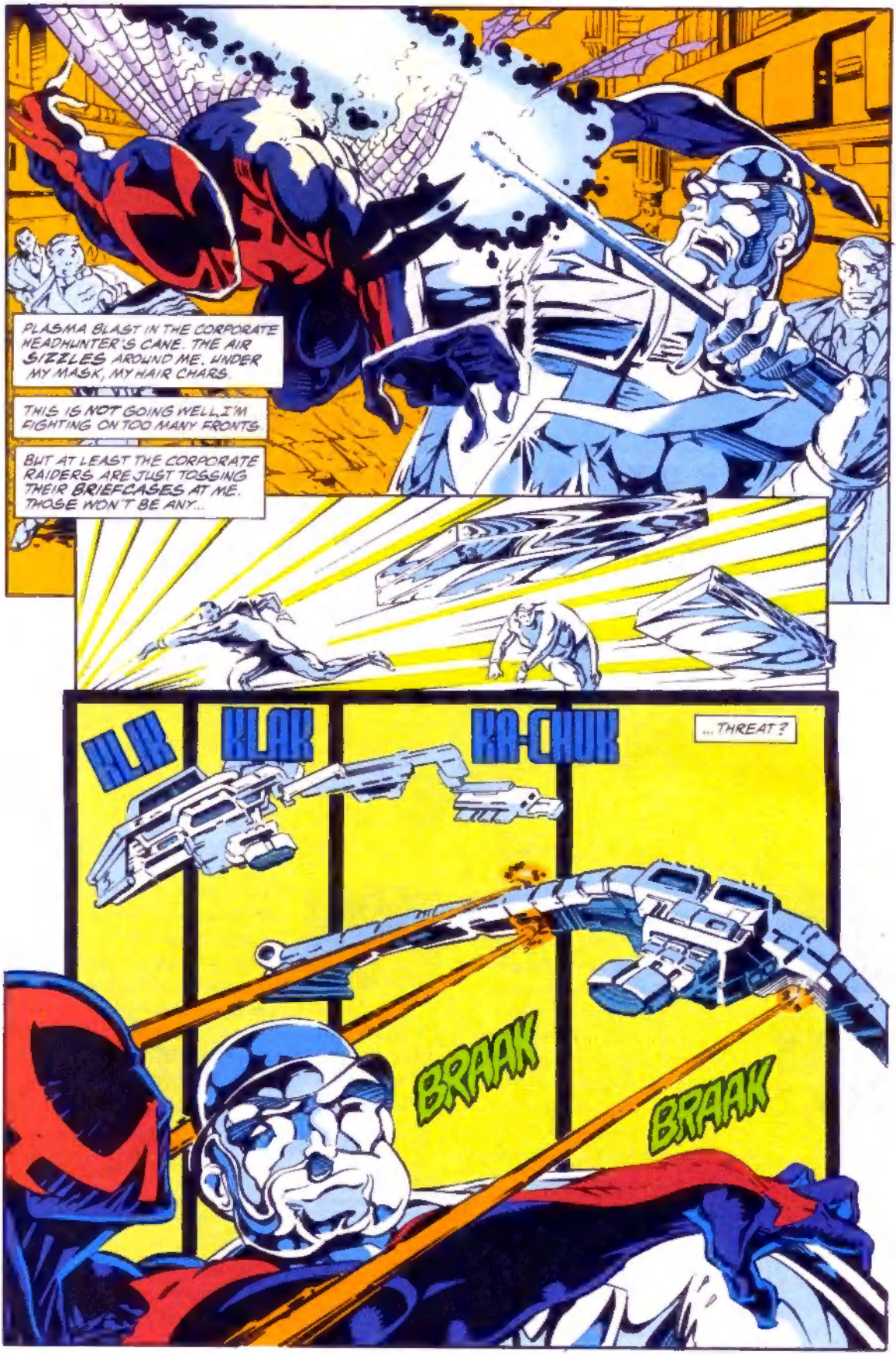
GOOD LORD... WHAT COULD I HAVE POSSIBLY DONE TO THIS GUY, THAT HE WOULD CHANGE HIMSELF INTO THIS... TRAVESTY?
IS THIS SOME SORT OF KARMIC BACKLASH AGAINST ME? THAT FOR ALL THE GREAT GOOD I'VE CAUSED AS SPIDER-MAN...
...SOMEHOW I'VE ALSO CAUSED THIS UNSPEAKABLE, MONSTROUS EVIL.
BLAST IT, ESTEVEZ... IGNORE SPIDER-MAN!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME OR PLACE!

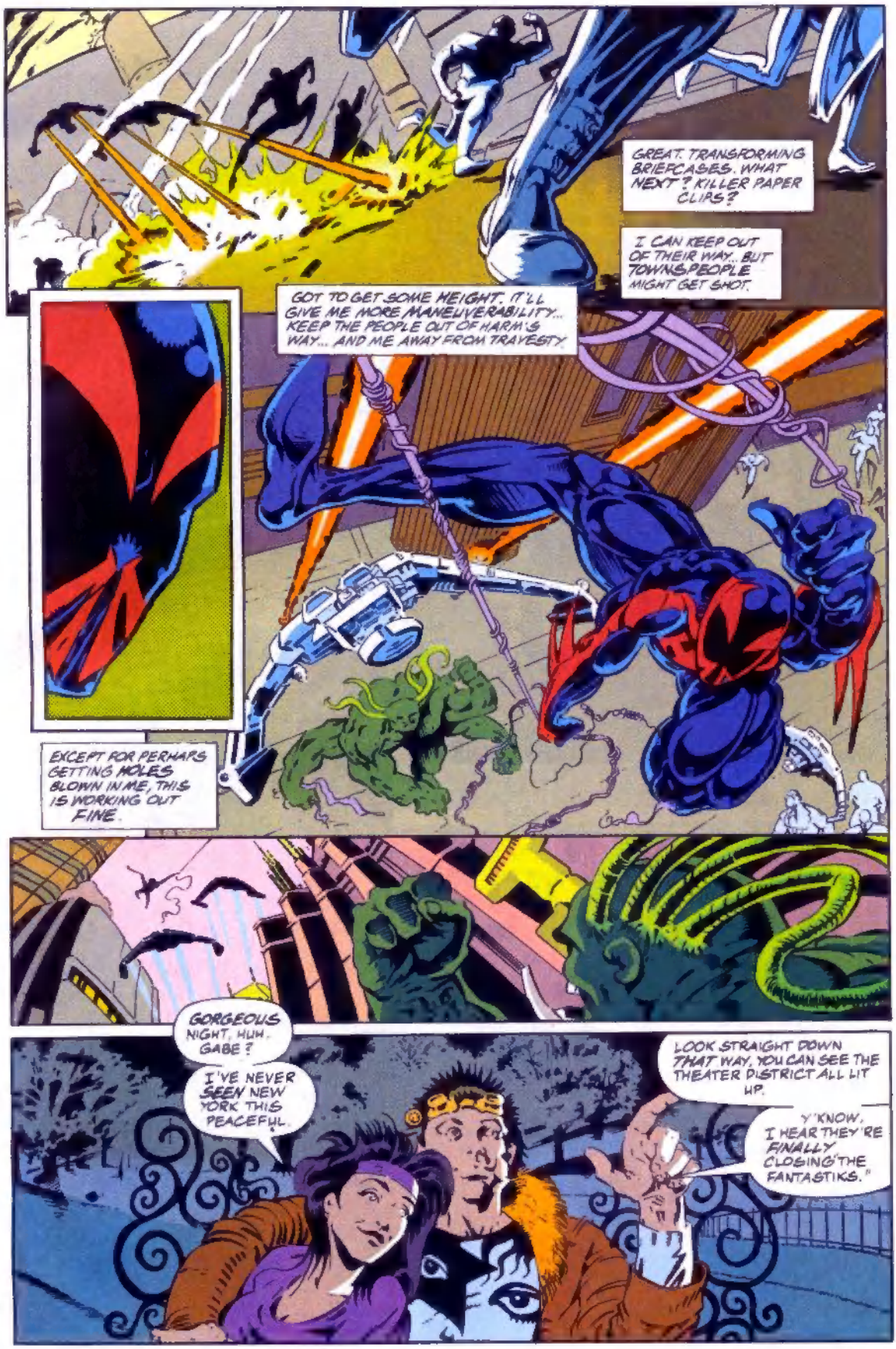

HIS ANTI-CORP RECORD IS SOLID!
HE MUST HAVE CAUGHT WIND OF THIS HOSTILE TAKEOVER AND HE'S HERE TO LEND A HAND!
HE'S ON OUR SIDE! THE CORPORATE RAIDERS ARE THE ONES WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!
HE'S SLOWING DOWN, ANGELA. I THINK HE'S STARTING TO LISTEN TO Y--
GET OUT OF MY HEAD, LADY!
GETTING BACK AT THAT WALL-CRAWLING FREAK WAS THE MAIN REASON I LET YOU MUCK WITH ME! I'M PAYING HIM BACK...

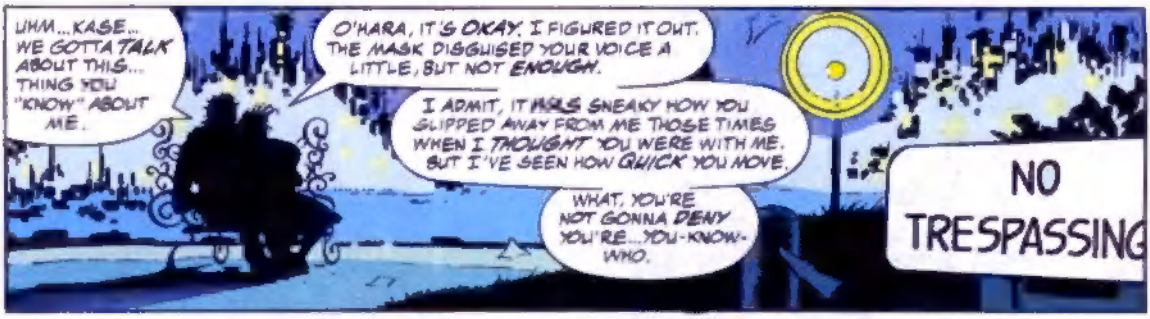

AND YOU CAN'T STOP ME! AND NEITHER CAN HE!

SPREAD OUT, RAIDERS! SECURE THE TOWN!


THEN WE'LL ATTEND TO--
EH?

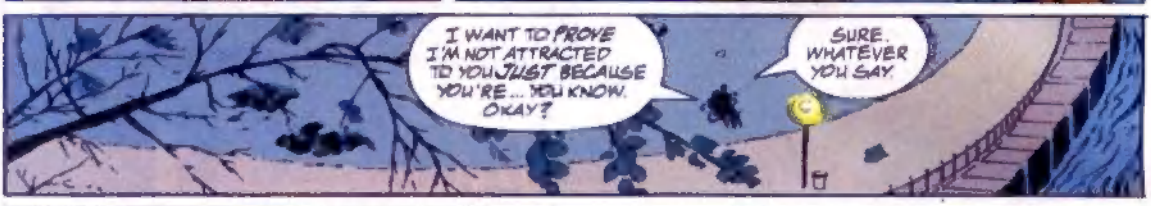

PLASMA BLAST IN THE CORPORATE HEADHUNTER'S CANE. THE AIR SIZZLES AROUND ME. UNDER MY MASK, MY HAIR CHARS.
THIS IS NOT GOING WELL. I'M FIGHTING ON TOO MANY FRONTS.
BUT AT LEAST THE CORPORATE RAIDERS ARE JUST TOSSING THEIR BRIEFCASES AT ME. THOSE WON'T BE ANY...
KLIK
KLAK
KA-CHUK
...THREAT?
BRAAK
BRAAK


GREAT. TRANSFORMING BRIEFCASES. WHAT NEXT? KILLER PAPER CLIPS?
I CAN KEEP OUT OF THEIR WAY... BUT TOWNSPEOPLE MIGHT GET SHOT.
GOT TO GET SOME HEIGHT. IT'LL GIVE ME MORE MANEUVERABILITY... KEEP THE PEOPLE OUT OF HARM'S WAY... AND ME AWAY FROM TRAVESTY.
EXCEPT FOR PERHAPS GETTING HOLES BLOWN IN ME, THIS IS WORKING OUT FINE.
GORGEOUS NIGHT, HUH, GABE?
I'VE NEVER SEEN NEW YORK THIS PEACEFUL.
LOOK STRAIGHT DOWN THAT WAY, YOU CAN SEE THE THEATER DISTRICT ALL LIT UP.
Y'KNOW, I HEAR THEY'RE FINALLY CLOSING THE FANTASTIKS."


UHM...KASE... WE GOTTA TALK ABOUT THIS... THING YOU "KNOW" ABOUT ME.
O'HARA, IT'S OKAY. I FIGURED IT OUT. THE MASK DISGUISED YOUR VOICE A LITTLE, BUT NOT ENOUGH.
I ADMIT, IT WAS SNEAKY HOW YOU SLIPPED AWAY FROM ME THOSE TIMES WHEN I THOUGHT YOU WERE WITH ME. BUT I'VE SEEN HOW QUICK YOU MOVE.
WHAT, YOU'RE NOT GONNA DENY YOU'RE...YOU-KNOW-WHO.
NO TRESPASSING

I'D HATE TO THINK YOU DON'T TRUST ME.

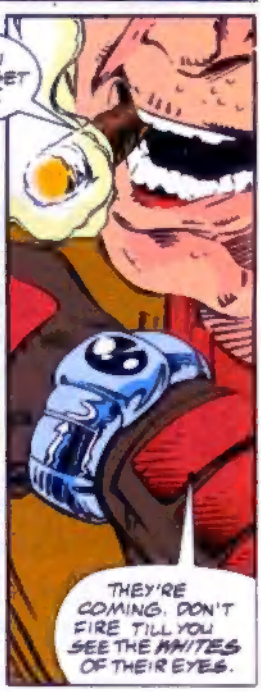
OOOHHHH... I'M SORRY, KASEY. IT'S JUST THAT I'M...
UNDER PRESSURE, RIGHT, BABE?
LOOK, HOW ABOUT IF WE GET OUT OF TOWN FOR A WHILE? JUST US TWO.
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BRING THE COSTUME.

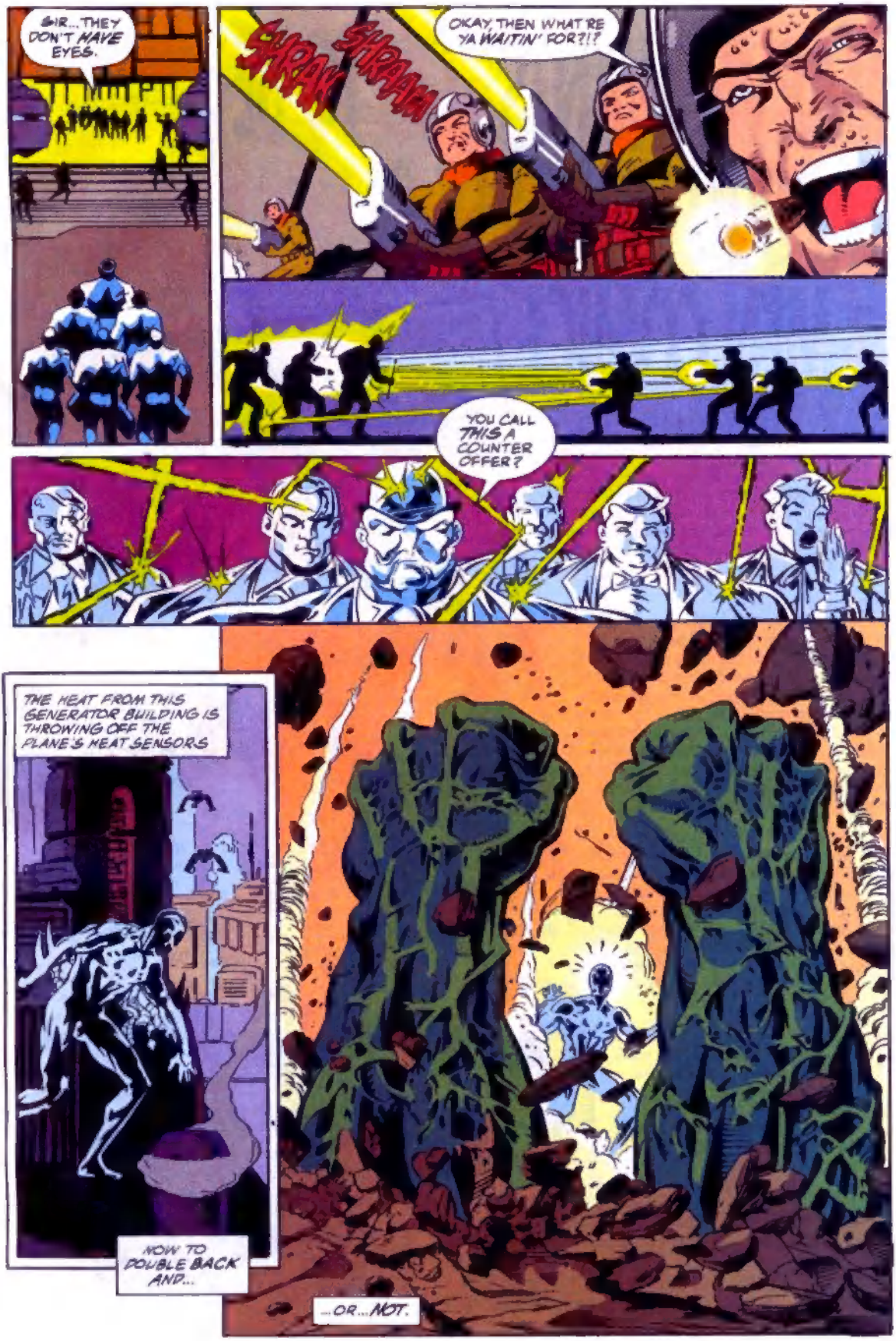

I WANT TO PROVE I'M NOT ATTRACTED TO YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE... YOU KNOW. OKAY?
SURE. WHATEVER YOU SAY

ALL RIGHT, FOLKS...WE MAKE OUR STAND HERE AT THE RED BUILDING.

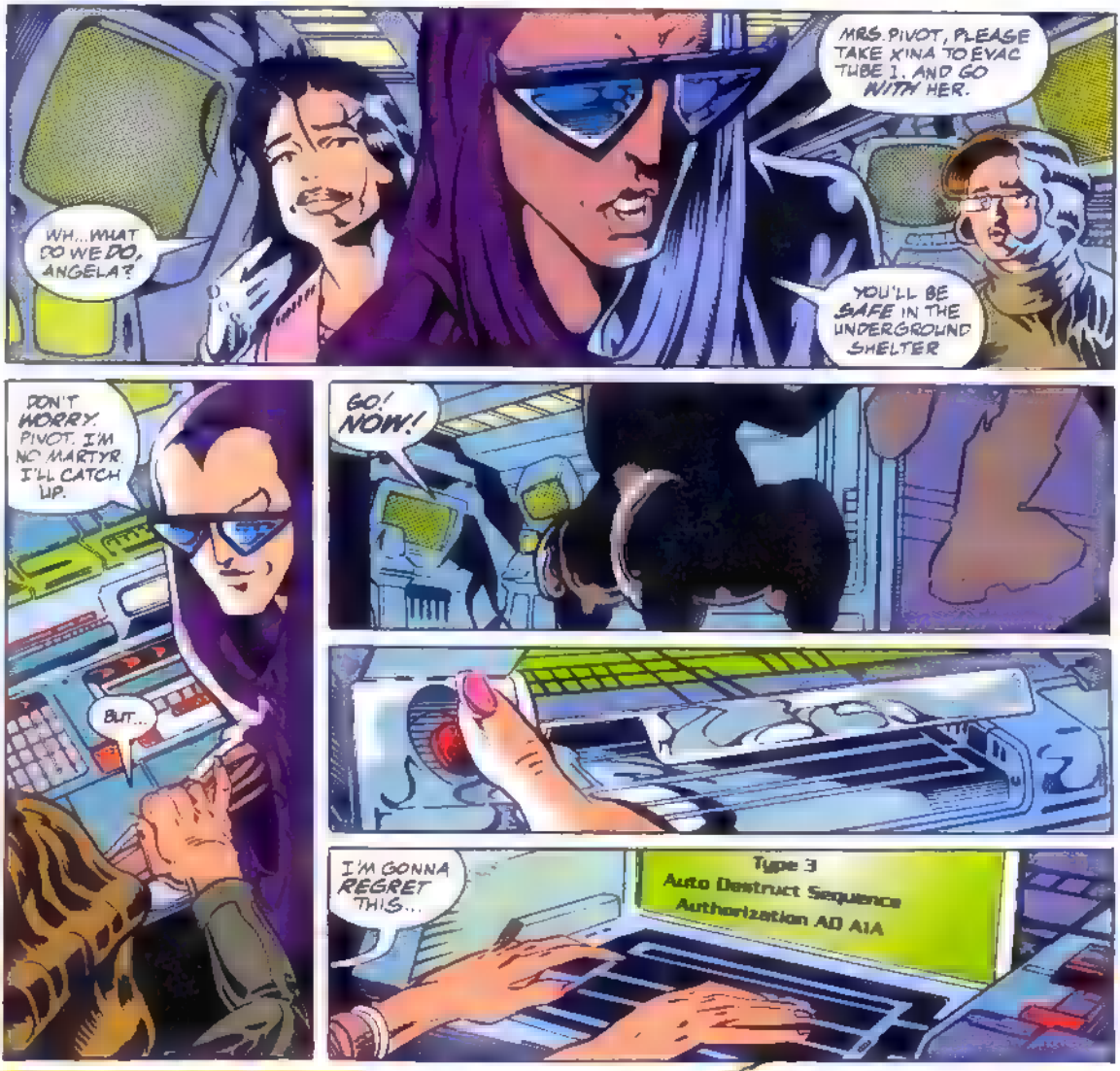
WHAT'RE YOU DAYDREAMIN' ABOUT, CARSTAIRS?
I...DON'T WANNA DIE, THAT'S ALL.

THEN DON'T GET SHOT.

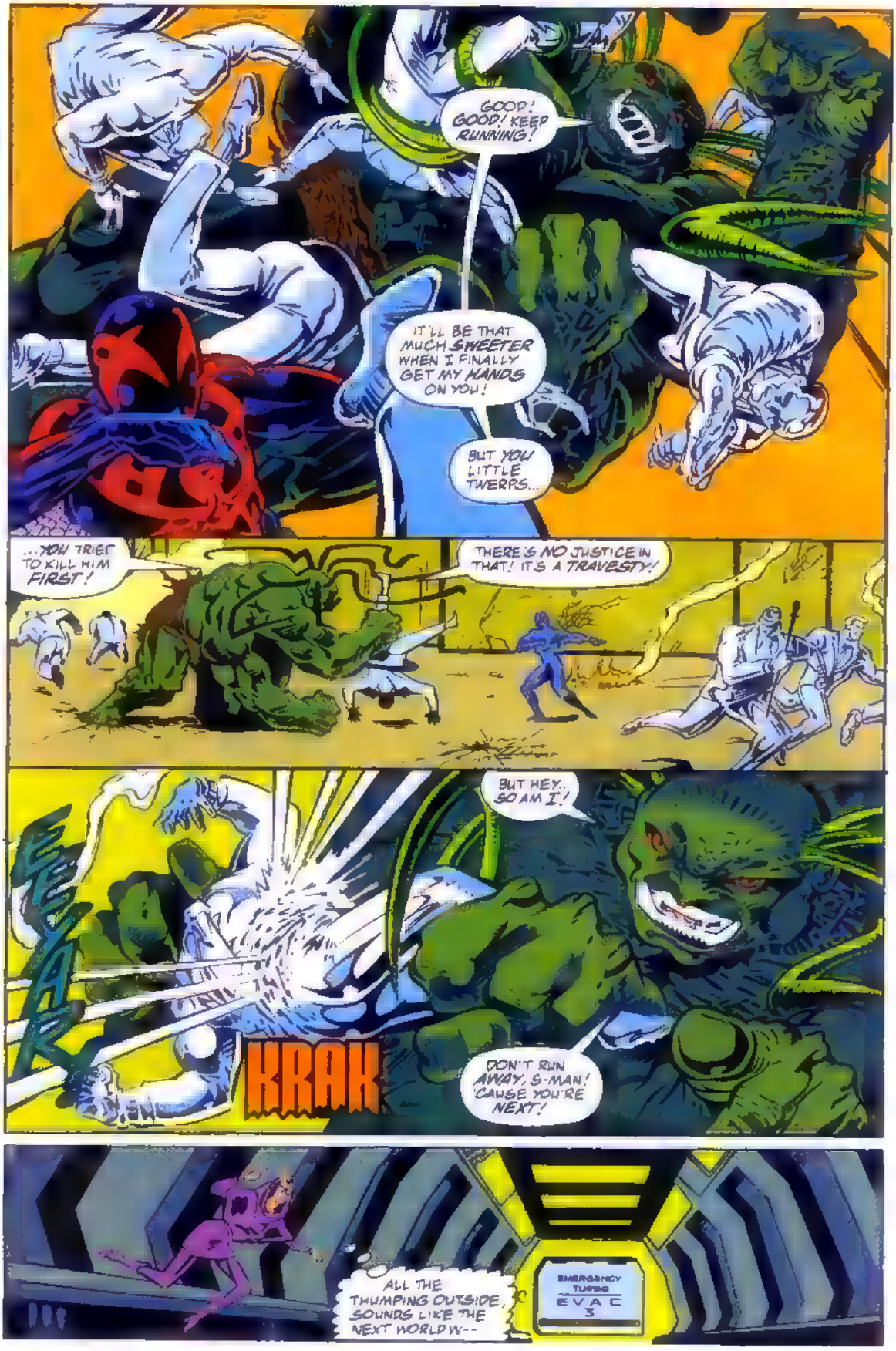

THEY'RE COMING. DON'T FIRE TILL YOU SEE THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES.


SIR...THEY DON'T HAVE EYES.
SHRAK
SHRAAM
OKAY, THEN WHAT'RE YA WAITIN' FOR?!?
YOU CALL THIS A COUNTER OFFER?
THE HEAT FROM THIS GENERATOR BUILDING IS THROWING OFF THE PLANE'S HEAT SENSORS
NOW TO DOUBLE BACK AND...
...OR...NOT.

I'M GOING TO CHEW YOU UP...
AND SPIT YOU OUT!!
IF YOU KILL ME, YOU'LL ACCOMPLISH NOTHING!
HEY! IT'S MY TIME TO WASTE!
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
"WE CAN'T HOLD THEM BACK! SQUADS B, C & D ARE DOWN! WE--
EEYARRHH!


WH...WHAT DO WE DO, ANGELA?
MRS. PIVOT, PLEASE TAKE X'INA TO EVAC TUBE 1. AND GO WITH HER.
YOU'LL BE SAFE IN THE UNDERGROUND SHELTER
DON'T WORRY, PIVOT. I'M NO MARTYR. I'LL CATCH UP.
BUT...
GO! NOW!
I'M GONNA REGRET THIS...
Type 3
Auto Destruct Sequence
Authorization AD A1A
K-RUNCH
SICCED YOUR MINIPLANES ON ME, HUH, SPIDER-MAN?!
WHAT I DID TO THEM...I'M GOING TO DO DOUBLE TO YOU!

QUICKLY, GENTLEMEN, QUICKLY! TIME IS MONEY, AFTER ALL!
INCREDIBLE
THEY LOOK ABSURD... LAUGHABLE IN THEIR POWER SUITS AND TIES...
...YET, OF ALL THE LOONIES I'VE ENCOUNTERED, THEY'RE THE MOST COLD-BLOODED
WHATEVER SOULS THEY MAY ONCE HAVE HAD...
SHRAK
...SUCKED AWAY BY THE CORPORATE MENTALITY.
UH OH


GOOD! GOOD! KEEP RUNNING!
IT'LL BE THAT MUCH SWEETER WHEN I FINALLY GET MY HANDS ON YOU!
BUT YOU LITTLE TWERPS...
...YOU TRIED TO KILL HIM FIRST!
THERE IS NO JUSTICE IN THAT! IT'S A TRAVESTY!
BUT HEY.. SO AM I!
KRAK
DON'T RUN AWAY, S-MAN! 'CAUSE YOU'RE NEXT!
ALL THE THUMPING OUTSIDE SOUNDS LIKE THE NEXT WORLD W--
EMERGENCY TURBO
EVAC
3

BA-WAMM
HELLO, MADAME? ARE YOU IN CHARGE?
I, THE CORPORATE HEADHUNTER, AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU ..
KOFF KOFF
..THAT YOU ARE NOW A DIVISION OF ALCHEMAX INC.
IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT MEDICAL PLAN.
PTUI!
NOW THAT WAS UNCALLED FOR.
I CAN SEE WHY ALCHEMAX WANTED THIS FACILITY. THE LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION IS RATHER--
SHADE ASSETS FROZEN
HOLD IT! IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT...
HEADHUNTER! ABORT! SHE'S FROZEN THE ASSETS!
DESTRUCT SEQUENCE
T-60
SUICIDAL NUTCASE!
T-51

I DID IT! HE'S DOWN!
MY LEFT KNUCKLES ARE BLEEDING, BUT HE'S DOWN.
EXCEPT I HAVE THE SICK FEELING HE'LL BE BACK UP SHORTLY... AND I'M RUNNING OUT OF KNUCKLES.
HOLD IT! WHERE'RE YOU OFF TO?
GET OFF ME, YOU IDIOT!
THEIR REACTOR CENTER IS GOING TO BLOW... AND LIKELY TAKE MOST OF THE TOWN WITH IT.
TYPICAL INDY MENTALITY. STRIP MINE THE ASSETS SO NO ONE CAN USE IT. WHAT A WASTE.
AAAA!
AND BEFORE I CAN CAVE IN HIS SMUG FACE... I HEAR THE SCREAM.
WHO'S TRAPPED THERE? XINA? ANGELA? WHO?
HIS LAUGHTER FOLLOWS ME. DEVIL TAKE HIM.

THANKS EVER SO MUCH FOR TURNING YOUR BACK! LOOKS LIKE THIS WON'T BE A TOTAL FIASCO AFTER A--
KRUNK
LAST TIME I'LL SAY IT:
HE'S MINE!!
HERE! O..OVER HERE!
I..I THINK SOMETHING INSIDE ME IS.. BRO..BROKEN..
IF IT'S ALL THE SAME..I'D LIKE TO DIE IN MY BED..
ME TOO.
THAT DIDN'T COME OUT RIGHT. FORGET I S--
AW NO, NOT AGAIN.
TOB MINUS 08

AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN... UNTIL IT'S OVER!
ONE WAY OR THE OTHER!
BUT THE BUILDING'S GONNA BLOW!!!
LET IT! AT LEAST YOU'LL KNOW I KILLED YOU!!
03
FAT LOT OF GOOD THAT KNOWLEDGE WILL DO ME IF I'M DEAD, YOU MORON!
02
DON'T BE SO C[illegible] XINA. I'M [illegible] ANGELA HAS EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL.
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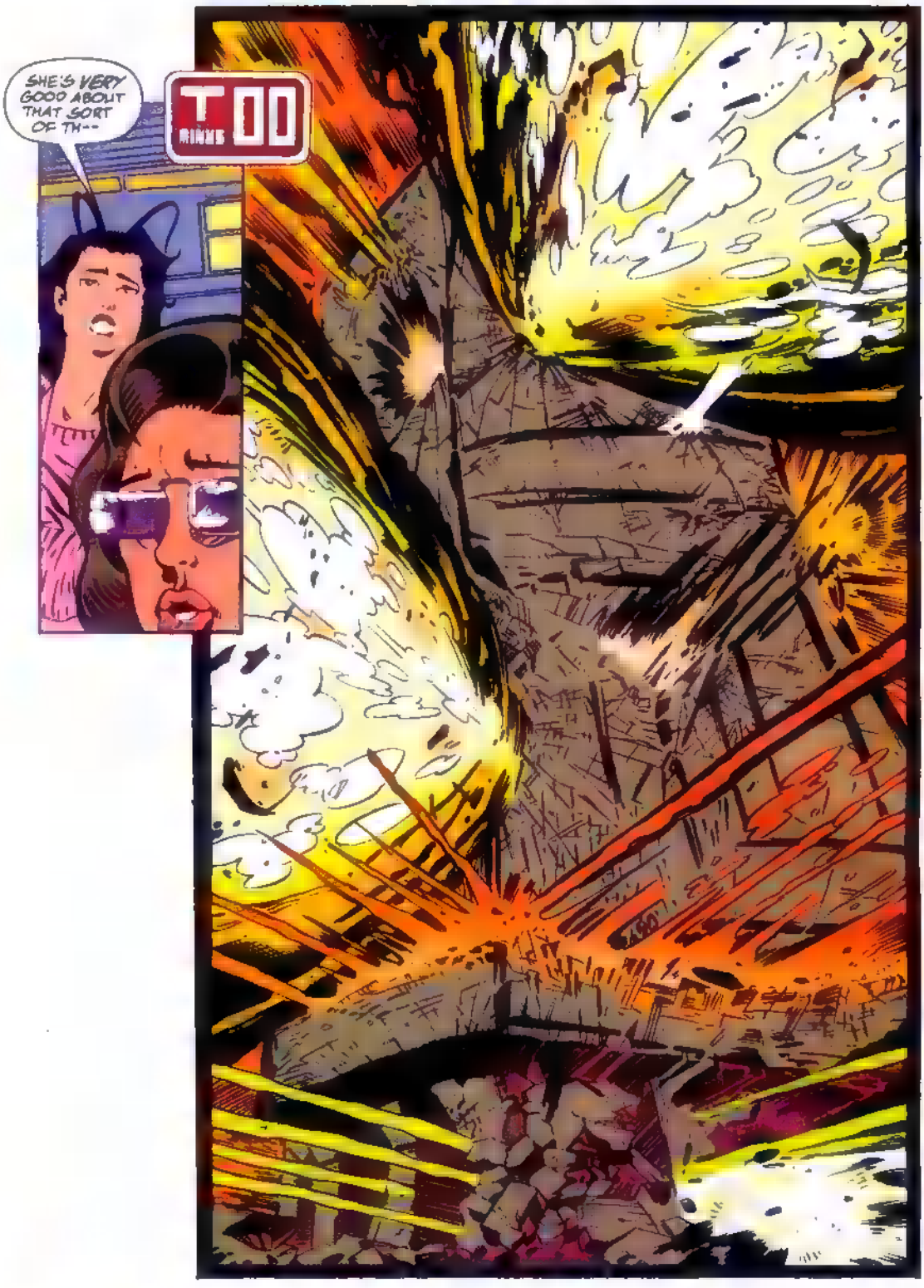

NEXT:

SPIDEY GOES TO PIECES! GABRIEL GOES BALLISTIC! DANA GETS STONED! PLUS THE INTRODUCTION OF:

PACKRAT

STAN LEE PRESENTS:
YOUNG MIGUEL O'HARA
FINAL BATTLE
OYS
GET AWAY FROM ME!!!
XINA?
OHHH BOY... WHAT IF THIS IS ANOTHER JOKE? I GO RUNNING INTO THE GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM, GET IN TROUBLE FOR IT.
GIRLS
HA HA. EVERYBODY LAUGHS AT MIGUEL AGAIN.
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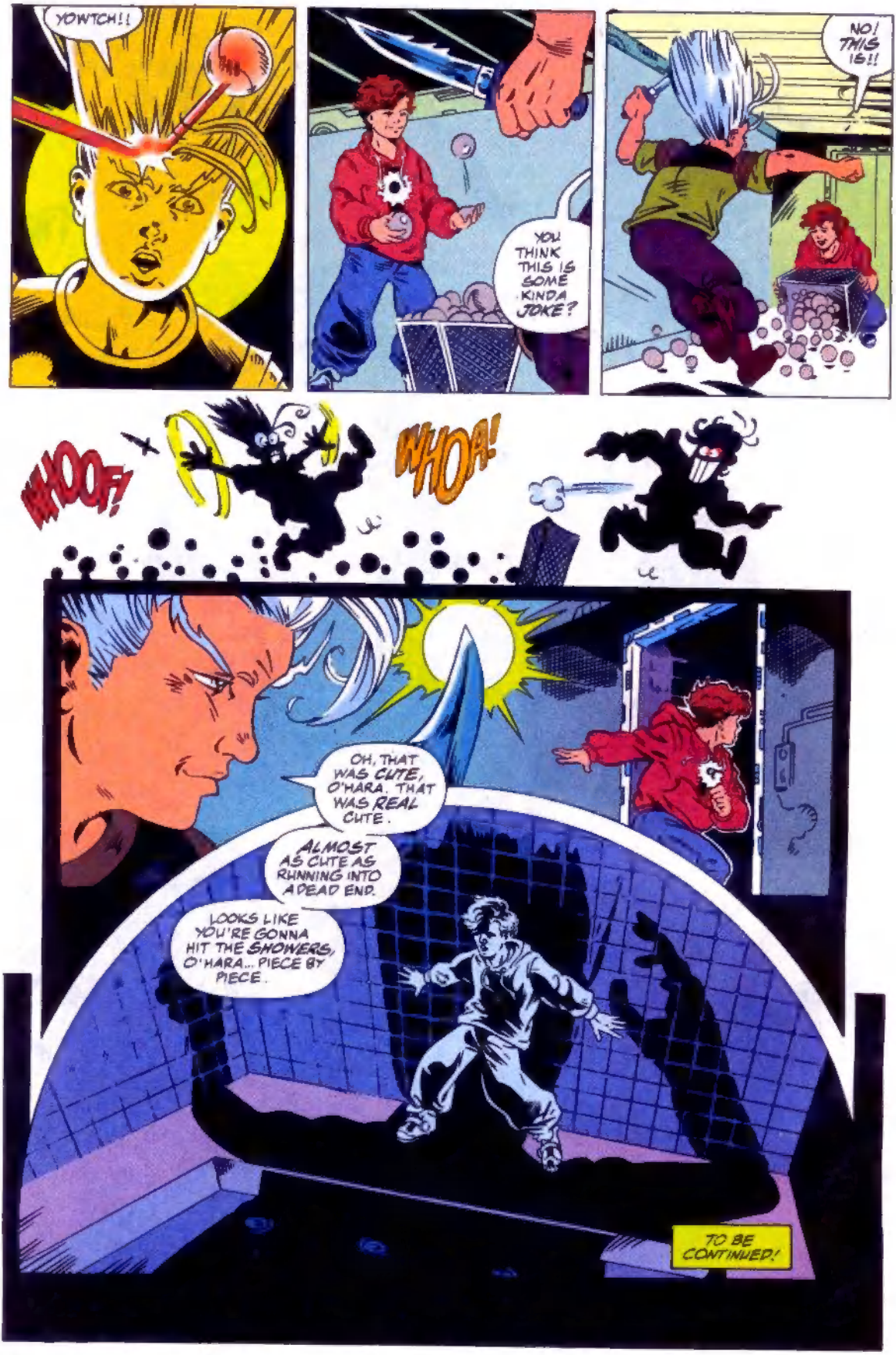
C'MON, X'INA... LESSEE WHAT'CHA GOT.
PROBABLY AIN'T ALL THAT MUCH, RIGHT? SO WHAT'RE YA SHY ABOUT?
STOP IT, KRON! STOP IT! LET GO!!
YOU LEGGO!!
WHOA! I WAS WRONG.
SKINNY BUT MUSCULAR.
I CAN SEE WHY O'HARA GOES FOR Y--
--OOOOO!!
YOU PERVERT! GET AWAY FROM HER!!

CRUNCH
FINALLY! THE MAIN EVENT!!
I BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO GET UP THE GUTS TO TAKE ME ON!
TOOK YA LONG ENOUGH!!
AGGHH
WATCH IT! FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD, YOU ALMOST STUCK ME WITH THAT THING!!
YOU STILL DON'T SHOCKIN' GET IT, DO YA?!

MIQUEL, GET AWAY FROM HIM! HE'S NUTS!!!
OWOOO
TOSSED ON A T-SHIRT AND THEN CAME BACK TO HELP YER BOYFRIEND, HUH?
HEY, O'HARA... THERE GOES YOUR CAVALRY.
I'M WARNING YOU, KRON--!
YOU'RE WARNING ME?! I'VE GOT THE KNIFE!
EXIT


YOWTCH!!
YOU THINK THIS IS SOME KINDA JOKE?
NO! THIS IS!!
WHOOF!
WHOA!
OH, THAT WAS CUTE, O'HARA. THAT WAS REAL CUTE.
ALMOST AS CUTE AS RUNNING INTO A DEAD END.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GONNA HIT THE SHOWERS, O'HARA... PIECE BY PIECE.
TO BE CONTINUED!